International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and Gender: A success story
International Mine Action Standards

- Description of IMAS
- The Governance Structure of IMAS

The Inter-Agency Coordination Group for Mine Action (at the Principal’s level)
- UN Authority, Policy Direction

Steering Group (at the Director level)
- Executive Direction

Review Board
- Technical Aspects and Advice

Mine Action Sector
Gender and Mine Action

- History
- Res. 1325
- Gender Guidelines for Mine Action

Resolution 1325 (2000)
Adopted by the Security Council at its 4236th meeting, on 31 October 2000

Recalling also the commitments of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (A/44/285) as well as those contained in the outcome document of the twenty-third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century” (A/55/210/Add.1), in particular those concerning women and armed conflict,
Noting also the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the primary responsibility of the Security Council under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security,
Expressing concern that civilians, particularly women and children, account for the vast majority of those adversely affected by armed conflict, including as refugees and internally displaced persons, and increasingly are targets by armed forces, combatants, and the population, and recognizing the consequent impact this has on durable peace and reconciliation,
Recognizing the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peace-building, and stressing the importance of their rapid participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution,
Recognizing also the need to implement fully international humanitarian and human rights law that protects the rights of women and girls during and after conflicts,

Gender Guidelines
For Mine Action Programmes
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United Nations
GMAP Assessment

Gender Review of the IMAS looking at:
- Language
- Content Analysis
Examples of Assessment Recommendations

- IMAS 08.10, Non-technical Survey
- IMAS 10.30, Safety and occupational health
Outputs of the Assessment

- Develop a checklist
- Recommend minimum changes for current 45 standards from a gender perspective
- Write a summary report
- Present an interim report and
- Present the final report and its findings to the Review Board
Integrating Gender Considerations into IMAS

- Review Board considered the findings
- Most were directly taken on board
- A few challenges/blockages remained
Challenges Faced

- Male-dominated Review Board
- Lack of general awareness regarding gender mainstreaming
- Limited scope for on-going discussion on detail regarding gender recommendations
- Other diversity considerations have not been addressed fully
A Gender Success Story

- Incorporating Gender considerations raised the quality of the IMAS as a body of standards
- Buy-in from Mine Action Stakeholders
- Incorporation of gender at the field level
- Donor support for gender policies has been facilitated by IMAS assessment
Next steps…

- Monitoring and measuring our progress
- Supporting national programmes where gaps remain
- Providing feedback to national stakeholders and the international community on progress
- Documenting how changes are improving results → RBM
Questions?

Thank you

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